

MRS. FRANK S. EVANS IS PAINFULLY BURNED

Victim of a Gasoline Explosion
Last Tuesday at Her Home
on North Michigan Avenue.
Life Miraculously Saved.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND CLOTHING CONSUMED

Fire Department Make Fast
Run and Saves Building from
Total Destruction: Insurance
on House Will Cover Loss.

Mrs. Frank S. Evans had a narrow escape from an agonizing death Tuesday morning. She was endeavoring to fill the gasoline stove, leaving a jet of the stove burning. The volatile fluid ignited, as it spread over her right hand and arm. Bewildered by the sudden flash and suffering from the effects of the enveloping flames, she dropped the can she was holding and ran screaming into the yard. Providential success seemed to be at hand. Mr. Jewett, delivering for the Fribble market, was driving past. He hastened to the assistance of the distracted and suffering woman and with his hat whipped out the burning vapor of gas.

Inside the flames spread rapidly. "Easy," the 3-year-old son, still suffering from an attack of the measles, was carried to safety, while Dolly, the daughter, escaped without harm. Mr. Evans had not reached his office at the Tie-Treating Plant when the fire alarm arrested his attention. He hurried home, but was too late to be of much service, so swift had the fire spread.

Mrs. Evans and the children succeeded only in escaping with their lives. The personal effects of the family are a total loss.

The house and furniture belong to Mrs. T. A. Murphy. The house is seriously damaged and the furniture is practically ruined—a great deal of it destroyed completely. The insurance of \$800 which Mrs. Murphy had on the house and contents will not cover the loss.

While Mrs. Evans right hand and arm are badly burned, it is not thought serious results will follow. The fire boys were on the scene only a few minutes after the alarm was sounded and saved the structure from total destruction, as well as much adjoining property had the fire not been gotten under control.

**WILL ENTERTAIN ALL
THE SCHOOL CHILDREN.**

Tom O'Reilly, at Beaver Hall, will keep open house for the school children, their teachers and parents, this (Saturday) afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Refreshments will be served, music will be in the air for entertainment and those who care to dance, and all the registered pupils of our city schools are cordially invited to call around and make themselves at home, as are, also, the teachers and parents of the happy school boys and girls.

To Hold Another Election.

Donna Ana county is to hold another election for the \$100,000 road bond issue. At an election held last fall all citizens were permitted to cast ballots. The vote was about 1200 for and 50 against the issue. The bonds were sold for \$101,250, but attorneys held that the issue was invalid because the state constitution declares that only real

property holders, who have paid taxes within a year, may vote at a road-bond election. The bonds were resold Wednesday of this week to the First State Bank of Las Cruces for \$93,150, subject to being validated at the coming election. The decrease in sale price was due to an unfavorable financial market in the east, and not to any local condition in Dona Ana county. This is the first bond issue under the Holt road law.

**OROGRADE MINING
INTERESTS DEVELOPING.**

The mining interests at Orogrande are rapidly getting into the big class. A new prospect has been located at the extreme north end of the Jarillas by Messrs. Hunter and Cox, of Shamrock, which they have designated as the "April Fool" mine, as the ore was uncovered on the first day of the present month. Mr. Hunter is in high glow over the find. An assay shows above 5 per cent copper and the shaft has only been started, being now but eight feet deep.

The Bychance is now carrying ninety-one men on its payroll. The work is handicapped because of the lack of teams to get the ore to the railroad. To date over 2000 tons have been taken from this mine since it was reopened a short time ago.

The Garnet is showing an exceptionally large deposit of the commercial copper, which is assaying twenty-three per cent pure. Arrangements are rapidly formulating for work on this mine on a large scale.

**AUTOMOBILE BREAKS DOWN:
THREE PEOPLE SUFFER.**

An elderly couple and their young son passed through Alamogordo last Wednesday on their way to El Paso, driving an antiquated Paige three-cylinder car. They broke down in the heavy sands forty miles south, from which point a stranger is unable to locate assistance, although to those acquainted with the country it is but about six miles to W. W. Cox's ranch where friendly help is nearly always available. The parties were without food and water on Friday, following when Mr. Roseboro, of El Paso, passed them on his way to Alamogordo. He gave them the lunch he had, as well as water, and directed them to the Cox ranch. The young man walked up to the house but failing to find anyone at home, returned to the old people empty handed. Some cattlemen driving from El Paso to Roswell on Sunday picked them up and took them up to the Cox ranch, where they secured food and drink and a team to get their car. The unfortunate people were in a pitiable condition when found Sunday, having been four days without food or water, except for the light lunch and small supply of water Mr. Roseboro had given them on Friday.

**JAILOR JAMES LATHAM
RUNS INSANE HOSPITAL.**

Jailor Latham has about arrived at the conclusion he is warden of an insane hospital, rather than the dutiful under sheriff of Otero county. During the past few weeks he has had three insane persons to look after—two of whom have been sent to Last Vegas, one remaining in his charge until an examination can be had before Judge Medier. His last patient is a Mexican woman from Orogrande. Whether ministering to unfortunates of weak mental capacity or rogues whose dark and devious ways, if known, would transform warm red blood into vermillion icicles, Jailor Latham knows his duties—and he personally attends to them.

Remember the Fourth!

Don't forget that the Fourth of July will be celebrated with vim and vigor in Alamogordo this year. Frank Rolland could make a ringing Independence Day oration. Jap Thomas could make a balloon ascension and Ed Martin could make circus taffy—and sell it to you. These gentlemen haven't fully decided on what they will do, but they will be in the game, as will all our rustlers, and a good time may be expected.

The Duties of Parents to Our Schools

By J. A. Armstrong

(The following address was delivered by Mr. Armstrong before the Otero County Teachers' Association at its meeting last year. It is just as applicable now, as then. A companion address, treating the subject from another point of view, will appear in these columns soon. —The Editor.)

By voluntary, mutual agreement, parents have come to believe that, in the majority of cases, the best way to educate our children, is to send them to our public schools. There they secure the best investment of time, the accumulated experience of the best methods of teaching, and most important of all, they learn to adjust themselves to superiors and equals in such ways that fit them for their proper duties as coming citizens. The teachers thus become the parents' substitutes, representatives in this all-important work of wise, judicious, youthful education. Since the home, then, supplies the raw material, out of which is to come our future citizenship, what duties do we parents owe to our schools? Let us enumerate. First, Pre-natal well-being. Indifference to pre-natal conditions as to our children's physical—bodily and mental—well-being is suicidal and criminal. If one or both of the parents have been addicted to the use of tobacco, liquor, drugs, or suffer from unnamed diseases, our children are handicapped from birth, and sooner or later the school finds such out. "The hereditary influence of the foregoing is accumulative and malignant." How many of our children suffer from extreme nervousness, impaired memories, weakened, diseased conditions and defective faculties? With what fear and trembling many a dear boy or girl attends school, every moment of which is agony to the child! What dread of recitation before his fellows and the teacher! And why? Brought in to the world, with an abnormal, super-sensitive disposition, as a result of imperfectly understood pre-natal conditions, all unknown to the teacher, and never considered by ignorant, or more or less thoughtless parents, what a battle the child is called upon to wage every day! Instead of sympathy, what sarcasm, browbeating, faultfinding, often chastisement, is ministered by parent and teacher! Were parents wise to these great pre-natal laws of human life, what multitudes of our children would find the school a paradise instead of a veritable perdition! There can not be a sound mind where the physical organism is imperfect. True self-control must precede true culture. Attention must precede retention. There must be the training of the will before there can be the true culturing of the intellect. Given properly self-controlled parentage, then our children may be expected to enter the arena of education physically and mentally equipped. Parents, for the sake of your own honor, for the sake of the good of your country, and for the sake of the glory of our Creator, give your children every advantage due them by seeing to it they are wellborn!

Second: Dietetic. Well-born, well-fed, growth requires proper nourishment. That implies there shall be quality as well as quantity. Study hygiene—at least enough to know what lines of diet are best for your children's physical and mental development. A stomach loaded with swine's flesh is not a very good prelude for a day's mental work. Our Jewish friends can yet instruct us. Many a day's recreation has been valueless because of non-digestible diets. The stomach, and not the brain, was at fault. Put more brains into caring for the stomach and the stomach will amply repay the brain. Hunger unsatisfied will hinder zeal for knowledge. Feed your child's machine-box wisely and splendid returns will follow your efforts.

3. Disciplinary. "Order is heaven's first law." A home, where anarchy reigns, is a poor recruiting ground for well-behaved children in the school room. Many parents fancy they are ruling by love when in reality they are ruling by license. Proper self-control of the child must be secured before there can be proper self-culture. It must be taught, if not by moral suasion, then by muscular suasion, that proper discipline is necessary to obtain the highest good the school offers. Parents have no right to expect the teacher to do much with children untrained in wise discipline. Every minute spent by the teacher in securing proper order in the room is so much time wasted that ought to be given to instruction. Seek to cooperate with the teacher. If you have been negligent or incompetent in discharging your parental duty here, second every effort on the part of the teacher to correct your wrong. Make inquiry as to the conduct of the children at school, as well as in going to and from school. If proper moral or muscular suasion has been given at the school, don't undo all its efficacy by sympathizing with the miscreant and thus breed rebellion against properly constituted school authority. Instead of reconciling the child to a wise and gracious chastisement. Remember your children are not angels. Cause them to reverence you at home, and in all likelihood they will carry the reflection of your own discipline to

the school room. In any case, reserve your criticism until you have seen the teacher, and then let not your child hear your judgments publicly. Many a child, by unwelcome parental prejudice and partiality, has been started on the road to becoming a criminal in the state instead of being guided to become a noble citizen. Combine firmness and implicit obedience with wise love at home, and your children will be your joy and pride in the school and at state.

4. Financial. Well-born, well-fed, well-trained, well-supplied. Sufficient funds must be given to our schools in order to secure the best advantages. Proper buildings should be constructed. If "education" is the chief business of a republic, let this high aim reflect itself in a becoming educational architecture. Let the architect of our schools so construct our buildings that our architects of coming citizenship may have every help rendered them from the standpoint of heat, light, seating, ventilation. What monstrous mistakes are made, especially in ventilation. What headaches are engendered because some one didn't know enough to connect God's fresh air outdoors with active lungs inside. How many children have tired of school, lost all interest in their own culturing, because of headlessness brought on by a vitiated atmosphere and a correspondingly made more or less vicious teacher, the result of impure air. We know of persons occupying splendid positions today who had given up all thought of further attainment because of constant headaches caused by teachers whose affinity for the bottom of a chair was remarkable, started to lives of great usefulness by simply correcting ventilation. Can we not help also the matter of proper recreation. Our children should be supplied for all ages and grades with proper sports. Let children work off their surplus animal nature at the proper periods of play. Just as important as anything on our curricula, and the teachers will have delight in leading their mental makeup in the room. See to it that every teacher in every grade has the necessary supplies for best work possible. Especially in the primary grades should ample equipment be furnished. Those miles of active humanity under seven years, how can a teacher do anything like adequate justice, poorly furnished and overtaxed numerically. Parents who transgress right here should be made pay fine of a dollar a week and the returns therefrom utilized in equipping the room to entertain them, until they have attained such rational age to enter into proper study. Common sense in clothing our scholars properly is very necessary. Overdressing or underdressing are both wrong. The one begets pride and snobbery in many cases, the other engenders jealousy and separation. Nowhere else can proper supervision be so easily and so completely maintained as in our schools. Boys and girls accomplish more to meaning healthy friendships and respect for each other, and consequent welfare of the state, than in our schools. Salaries! Adequate salaries! Competent instructors! At there's the rub! Ontario, Canada, pays her male teachers \$767, and female teachers \$517 per annum respectively. Hon. A. N. White says in his report for 1911 that as a state we invested only \$732,125.51 for our school system in 1910. Last year we drank up about \$12,000,000. In other words the parents of this state believe in the doctrine of 16 to 1, that is, it is well to spend \$16 for damnation as over against \$1 for education. Has the time not come when we ought to cease legislating for the bottle and the barrel and begin to legislate for the boy? When the average for our teachers here, excepting the superintendent is \$73 1/2 and for the entire state less than \$15 per month respectively, how can we expect them to do all they could do had they better returns financially to secure magazines, able books on their respective lines? Starve the teachers intellectually and you undermine the foundations of our homes and our country. Let us cut loose from our bottles and barrels, and strengthen financially as well as mentally, our brains and our boards. What shall we say concerning our school text books? Do our parents realize that, more or less, we are at the mercy of agents and subagents of mercenary publishing houses? Politics has introduced more or less graft into our educational system, so that we are being exploited by these bookpublishing concerns. How is it that in Canada a parent can secure a primer for four cents, whereas here ten cents is the price? In other words the U. S. parent has to pay 150 per cent more for his child's text book than the Canadian parent. How comes this? In Canada, when a new text book is needed by the Department of Education through its able committee announces the character of the text required. From the texts thus formulated they select the one that most accurately meets the need. Then they permit the various publishing houses to bid for its publishing, and the one offering best return in paper, type, binding, etc., secures the right to publish. In this way the Department secures the best text book at the lowest possible price, and in so doing safeguards the

pocketbooks of the parents. I never saw more heroic devotion on the part of parents, than is manifested in the Southwest, to give their children the best education possible, and yet, the way seems to be made harder by overreaching in the price of text books. As a teacher myself I have saved the pupils many dollars by going over the make of these text book tyrants by purchasing good second-hand books. Eliminate this four-year periodic change. Unify our system by making it national. The text book that is good for the pupil in Maine should be just as serviceable to the pupil in California. If for reasons of health or other incidents of human life, parents have to move, then they will be no need to purchase new text, and sacrifice the old ones. We have to do now. Make our standards for teachers and scholars the same everywhere. The government does so in Postal, Military, Navy and other matters. Why not in this, as in the aforementioned, since education is one of our most important national assets? But I hear the cry: "State Rights!" Yes, true, but let us listen to the stronger cry: "Our children, and our country, and our God!"

5. Social. Visit our school rooms and see the actual work done. Invite the teachers to your homes. You know your child best. Inform the teacher as to respect-weak or strong points of your child. Cooperate, sympathize, appreciate. 6. Religious. The moral atmosphere of your home has so much to do with the symmetrical culturing of your child. Parental habits of thought and wise manner of living greatly aid the teacher. Induction of proper respect for those in authority, and reverence for God will enhance your child's formation of character in the school. Hold the larger vision that your child is going from your home life to prepare for two worlds—the present for usefulness and honor—the future for well or woe. Parents, stand by our schools!

"THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER"
AND "MAH LU-LAH-LU."

Baby's Gigantic Minstrel has come to Alamogordo, gave a very creditable performance, and most of it has gone on his way—to other eager listeners who revel in the gay-colored uniforms and brass horns of the band and love to hang their feet from the circus seats in the big tent and drink in the red lemonade and the "doin' on the stage." Most of the troupe left Alamogordo, but not all of it. One remained behind to revel in a new-found love—to exchange the mimic world for the real thing.

Mr. Louis Godfrey came here on Thursday of last week as one of the comedians for the minstrel and he remained here Friday to complete arrangements to become the lifemate of Mrs. Ella McKinley. On Saturday Judge Stalcup tied the jaunty knot and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Godfrey are now keeping house and the groom seems to have forgotten that there was ever such an organization as the Baby Minstrel aggregation—but the bride has not.

The newlyweds purchased the home of William H. McNew on Ninth street, where they have been "at home" since the brief twinkling of the wedding bells was swallowed up in the joyous frying of pork chops, the stirring of coffee, the sipping of kindling and other affectionate duties which become a part of life's routine after the magisterial pronouncement of the mystic words.

**WALTER BAIRD ADOPTS
A BIG, RED INDIAN.**

Walter Baird has adopted a big, red, 7-horse-power Indiana motor cycle as a means of transportation over the thirty miles of desert road which lies between his ranch and the big white lights of Alamogordo. He now chugs off the run in a couple of hours, and a trip to or from the ranch doesn't seem to be much of a job any more. However, some seventy-five of our citizens have engaged reserved seats on the fences for a mile out of Alamogordo—waiting for the day Walter's father, County Treasurer James A. Baird, undertakes to ride this new "brunk." Then the show will be on—big.

**BIG WATER SUIT FILED
AGAINST LINCOLN PEOPLE.**

The United States, through the reclamation service, has instituted one of the biggest suits against Lincoln county citizens of which there is any record. Its bigness does not only involve a vast interest, but names as defendants 425 people. Every individual or corporation using water from the Hondo Stream system, the Bonito, Little Creek, Eagle Creek, Ruidoso and Hondo is involved in this litigation. At the instigation of the reclamation service, all these people are called upon to go to Santa Fe in answer to the complaint of the government or to employ attorneys to represent them.

Our Gospel Tent Meeting.

For years when possible I have tried to arrange all my meetings not to conflict with meetings in the denominational churches by making an announcement far ahead that all could arrange to that end.

will conduct a gospel tent meeting under our large tent in the city park (if allowed) commencing June 13, and continuing three Lords' days. If any other meetings have already been set for that time and you will notify me, we can change our time. If not we kindly ask our religious neighbors to not our time and arrange their meetings not to conflict.

If any church in town so desires we kindly ask them to go in with us and we will give them equal time to conduct a meeting with us.

It will be our desire to teach nothing but the Bible, to arouse more zeal in the church, persuade men and women to become Christians only and beg all to be governed by the Bible. It seems that all good people could work and pray for this kind of a meeting.

I have settled among you to become a permanent citizen. Will do my best to teach the truth and try to help build up the town in all good works.

The first Sunday of this meeting we hope to take dinner and spend the day in social work in the park. From 3 to 4:30 p. m. will be devoted to song service and each church in town is kindly invited to come out with their best songs and choir and give as many as four songs. If not more, that all may learn what Alamogordo can do in the field of song.

Remember this meeting will be conducted on the Bible plan that has always governed the Church of Christ, that no collection and no begging the world for money will be tolerated.

When the Church of Christ fails to be a self supporting institution in Alamogordo she will then go into the hands of a receiver.

So we ask all to come and help in this meeting and hear the gospel as taught by us.

J. D. TANT.

**"RAGS" RIDDLE HAS GONE
UP TO DOGGIE HEAVEN.**

"Rags" is dead!

For over fourteen years Rags has been the devoted companion of his master, James Riddle, engineer on the Clarendon branch, and for three years of that time little Rags accompanied Jim on his run—perching up beside him on his seat on the engine. Those were the days when Alamogordo was a division and there were many engines in the yards and round houses; but little Rags knew "Old Luce," as Jim calls his engine, and never failed to locate it and assume his position on his master's seat.

Every one knew Rags. He was, however, the pet of Mr. and Mrs. Riddle only and an outsider soon found this fact out if he attempted to pet him.

A few days ago Rags failed to get out of the path of an approaching automobile and as a result of the mixup he was fatally injured. He was taken out and shot after all efforts to relieve his suffering proved unavailing.

Rousseau Garage Arrivals.

The following motorists, passing through Alamogordo since April 1, have registered at G. F. Rousseau's Garage:

Knox 38—Mr. Deemer and party from Las Cruces to Carrizozo.

Overland 40—J. G. Blackshear from Roswell to Alamogordo.

Abbot-Detroit 40—Mrs. Church and party from El Paso to Roswell.

Overland 40—J. W. MacNall from San Diego to New York City.

Buck 32—W. H. Erwin and H. V. Craig from Roswell to Los Angeles.

Chalmers 36—W. R. Lovelace from El Paso to Corona.

Studebaker 36—M. J. Roseboro from El Paso to Carrizozo.

Winton Six—J. P. Rountree and party of six from El Paso to Roswell.

Maxwell 30—Mr. Bixler and party from Dallas via El Paso to Carrizozo and Roswell.

Ford 14—L. H. Hall and wife from Trinidad, Colo., to El Paso.

Presbyterian Church Services.

The second Lord's day of April is suggested as the day on which our fathers are to be remembered more particularly. We have "Our Mothers' day, and all sorts of days in our church calendars. We propose speaking on the subject, "Our Father and Our Fathers" at the morning hour, and "Christ as an Optimist" at the 7:30 p. m. service. Welcome to all worshipping with us.

The pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Givan, is attending the El Paso District Conference at Deming, N. M., and will not return until next week. Hence, there will be no services Sunday morning or evening.

Married.

Last Monday W. H. Reed and Ruby Scanlon came up from El Paso and were quietly married by Judge Stalcup. Their home is in El Paso.

For the Benefit.

of our customers using electric irons, on and after April 15, 1913, and until further notice, we will furnish power on each Wednesday from 8 a. m. until 11 a. m. Respectfully, Alamogordo Water Power Co.

Sit Up and Take Notice.

The big 20c show at the Picture Show on Saturday night will be extraordinarily good. 2 reels, 5 pictures, an hour and a half. I know the pictures are good for I've seen them.

Advertised Letters.

For week ending April 2, 1913: Davis, Mrs. Lida; Garcia, Senor Gregoria M.; Gloria, Senor Juan; Hernandez, Bisente; Perez, Senor Juan; Sander, G. W.; when calling please say advertised and pay one cent.

COL. WM. R. EIDSON WILL VISIT US NEXT WEEK

Passes Through Alamogordo
Monday on His Way to Arizona Where Immense Irrigation Project Awaits Him.

WILL LOOK OVER BIG
TRACT OF 72,000 ACRES

Expects to Stop in this City on
His Return and Will Discuss
Pumping Plants for Valley:
Co-operation Essential.

Col. W. R. Eidson passed through Alamogordo last Monday afternoon on the Golden State Limited, bound for Phoenix, Ariz., whether he goes to look over an irrigation project embracing some 72,000 acres of arid land. If the project looks feasible to Mr. Eidson he will finance and develop it.

The genial Colonel was met at the train by George Carl, A. K. Gore, J. D. Tant and other citizens of Alamogordo who were cognizant of his bird-like stop in our city. Very few people knew he was passing through or there would have been many more at the train to greet him.

Mr. Eidson will stop at Alamogordo for a few days next week on his return east. In the brief time he had to talk with Messrs. Carl, Tant and Gore, he assured them that all he wanted in and around Alamogordo was the sincere and hearty co-operation of the people—the land owners in particular. With this given him he was in a position to finance any size irrigation scheme they wanted and would guarantee results.

The exact date on which Mr. Eidson will be with us is not known: Mr. Eidson was not able to fix a definite day; but it will be during the coming week.

So get busy and meet and greet the Colonel when he arrives and tell him what you are willing to do. He can do nothing without your whole-hearted concurrent effort.

It's up to you!

You may rest assured Colonel Eidson will do just what he tells you he will.

**FRANK FALCONE TO BUILD
BIG LEWIS RESERVOIR.**

The Alamogordo Quarries company has entered a contract with J. P. Lewis for the construction of a big water reservoir on the Lewis ranch one mile east of town. The reservoir will be constructed entirely of native marble, will be 100 feet in length by 50 feet in width and of sufficient depth to make its capacity 210,000 gallons. Frank Falcone, manager of the marble company, will personally supervise the work, which will be commenced immediately.

**TULAROSA CANYON LAND
SELLS FOR \$75 PER ACRE.**

J. N. Daugherty, who owns a ranch of 150 acres in Tularosa canyon, near Bent, has just sold 40 acres of the tract at a price of \$75 an acre. Nearly all of the 40-acre tract is in cultivation. Mr. Daugherty bought the entire ranch a few years ago for \$2,500. The man who sold to Mr. Daugherty bought the property for \$1,500.

Civic League Meeting.

The Civic League met with Mrs. J. M. Riddle Tuesday, April 8, which was the time for the annual election of officers. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. M. Riddle; Vice-President, Mrs. Wood; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Waltschmidt; Board of Directors, Messrs. Buck, Benis, Beach, Warren, Garrett, and Ragsdale. Chalmers of the three different departments of the Civic League as follows: Library, Mrs. W. E. Warren; Cemetery, Mrs. Jodie Ragsdale; Public Improvement, Mrs. Charles Garrett.

Commissioners in Session.

The county commissioners were in session this week—the regular quarterly meeting. Besides the routine business, the honorable board was still wrestling with the problem of fixing valuations for taxation under the recent legislative act, and many taxpayers were before them. They have had a strenuous week and have certainly earned the salary the Governor would not allow them.

Monday's Runaway.

Tom Lawrence's horse became unmanageable while Tom was driving down New York avenue, Monday, and ran away. The buggy was slightly damaged, but Tom and the horse got off with a well-developed fright. They both recovered.

Court Opens Monday.

District Court for Otero County will open next Monday, with Judge E. L. Medier present and presiding. Only equity matters will be heard as no juries were summoned for this term because of the light dockets.

April 21st, 1913



G. J. WOLFINGER

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